(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The Hindi Salahakhar Samiti was re-constituted on 1.7.1999.

(b) and (c) Owing to the dissolution of the 12th Lok Sabha and undertaking the process again on the constitution of the 13th Lok Sabha, it took time to receive the nominations of the Members. Efforts shall be made to hold Hindi Salahakar Samiti meetings regularly.

Autonomy for BBUNL Subsidiaries

398. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned "BBUNL Union seek autonomy for subsidiaries which appeared in the Times of India (Kolkata), dated 1st December, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto, specially the reason for keeping a top heavy holding company when most of its subsidiaries are either sick or being privatised; and

(c) the reason why some of these subsidiaries which are having full-fledged Boards of Directors cannot run on their own?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) BBUNL Union has not formally sought any such intervention from the Government of India so far. Presently, there is no proposal for winding up of BBUNL.

Steps to Save CCI Units

399. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken appropriate steps to save different units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) from the position of being sick;

(b) whether steps have been taken to improve the functioning of Bokajan Unit of CCI;

(c) if so, what are those; and

(d) what steps have been taken to keep proper standard of cement produced by the CCI units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) CCI is under reference since 8.8.1996 to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), a quasi-judicial body, under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Amendment) Act, 1985 (SICA).

(b) and (c) One HT DG Set is proposed to be installed at Bokajan to overcome the power shortage, and thereby improve its performance.

(d) Strict quality control is exercised in production of Cement in CCI as per the standards prescribed by BIS.

Rehabilitation Package for HMT in Karnataka

400. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a special rehabilitation package for Hindustan Machine Tools Units in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the same;

(c) whether Government would consider delinking the HMT Units in Karnataka from other HMT Units in order to give more autonomy in operations and fix up accountability for performance; and

(d) how soon Government are likely to provide funds for the revival of HMT Units in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Government have recently approved a turnaround plan for HMT as a whole which takes into account the units located in Karnataka also. The plan provides for mainly financial and organisational restructuring of the Company.

(c) The turnaround plan provides for subsidiarisation of Machine Tools Group and Watch Group of the Company. These subsidiaries are proposed to be formed by combining units from Karnataka and other States.

(d) In the turnaround plan it has been decided to provide funds for various purposes to meet the requirements of different units of HMT including those in Karnataka. Most of the funds have already been released.

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